

**The Working Waterways and Waterfronts
National Symposium on Water Access 2010**
September 27-30 2010, Portland, Maine

Call for Presentations

Purpose of the Symposium

Across the US, communities, water-dependent industries, and the public have struggled to address conflicts over access to beaches, shorelines, and waterways. In the years to come, these challenges will only increase: by 2050, the US population is expected to exceed 400 million people, and it is projected that more than half will live in a coastal county. The **good news** is that both large and small waterfront communities throughout our country and even the world are implementing creative solutions to address these evolving challenges.

The Working Waterways and Waterfronts National Symposium on Water Access 2010 will provide a forum to help communities, organizations, businesses, and individuals address waterfront access challenges by showcasing successful models and tools from around the country. We invite interested parties with experience in applying successful working waterfront planning and implementation approaches to submit a presentation to the symposium.

Submission Timeline

Submissions due: Friday, January 22, 2010

Submission status notices sent: Friday, March 12, 2010

Presenter responses due: Friday, March 26, 2010

Who Should Submit a Presentation?

Individuals, groups, and communities with experience in planning for and implementing strategies for sustaining working waterfronts, including, but not limited to:

- Federal, state, regional, and local government officials, staff, and decision-makers
- Members of the commercial and recreational fishing, boating, marine, and tourism industries
- Port, harbor, and navigation district authorities
- Commercial and residential real estate developers
- Residential property and business owners
- Economic development, community development, and historic preservation professionals
- Nonprofit organizations
- Environmental and maritime consultants
- Attorneys
- Academic researchers and students

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Conference Tracks

Priority will be given to submissions that address the following content tracks. For illustration purposes, sample session ideas are listed for each track. Submissions addressing content not identified below will also be considered.

TRACK I: Economic, Social/Cultural, and Environmental Impacts of and on Working Waterfronts

- Analysis of trends and threats by sector or region
- Value of ocean, Great Lakes, estuary, and harbor waterfront economies
- Methods to assess economic impacts of working waterfronts at local levels
- Effects of working waterfront changes on communities

TRACK II: Successful Local, Regional, State, and Federal Strategies Addressing Working Waterfront Issues

- Study groups, legislative committees, marine advisory committees
- Comprehensive plans, harbor/port plans, land use regulation and coastal smart growth elements
- Land use vs. water use planning and management
- Connections between natural resources and sustainable working waterfronts
- Data collection/dissemination methods: definitions, inventories, clearing-houses, maps, surveys
- Education and outreach

TRACK III: Access to Capital and Grant-making for Working Waterfront Initiatives

- Opportunities and challenges for working waterfronts in economic downturn
- Public and private investment and financing programs
- Community and economic development programs

TRACK IV: The Working Waterfront Interface: Small Business to Regional Port

- Strategies for small working waterfront enterprises to interface with port and harbor development programs and efforts
- Accommodating both new and traditional uses and coordinating diverse stakeholders
- Roles and activities of U.S. Coast Guard, Army Corp of Engineers, and other federal agencies in ports, harbors, and commerce

TRACK V: The Future of Working Waterfronts: Changing Climate, Changing Influence, Changing Uses

- Climate change impacts on public and private infrastructure
- Links to fisheries management, offshore energy development
- Planning for emerging tourism/consumer marketing trends that add to the demand for and value of working waterfronts
- Legislative panel
- CZMA reauthorization

- National Working Waterfront Network

Submission Approaches

Indicate which of the following approaches best describes your submission.

Research Tools/Training Education/Outreach Policy/Evaluation Plan Other

Submission Forums

You are invited to submit an abstract for any of the following forums:

Oral Presentation. Fifteen-minute presentation as part of a 90-minute session organized by the program committee based on the topics of accepted abstracts.

Panel Session. A 90-minute panel session comprising three speakers and a moderator/chair. Panel organizers are responsible for identifying speakers and moderator.

Workshop. A 90-minute session designed for skill building with specific learning objectives.

Submission Guidelines

FORMAT:

All presentations must be submitted electronically at <http://www.wateraccessus.com/callforpresentations.html> in each of the formats below. Accepted presentations will be reprinted in symposium proceedings as submitted.

1. Presentation Summary:

A brief (<50 words) description of the presentation to be included in the symposium's printed program. Format should follow specifications listed under "Full Abstracts."

2. Full Abstract:

Must not exceed 250 words, and cannot contain figures. Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1" margins. Title capitalized and typed from the left margin of the first line. Presenters' names (last, first, middle initial), and affiliation entered two lines below title line. Body of abstract separated from authors with one blank line. Full abstracts will be made available via PDF at the symposium Web site.

Panel Session Abstract:

If the submission is for a panel session, please also include a brief (<50 words) description of the session as a whole to be included in the symposium's printed program. Format should follow specifications listed under "Full Abstracts."

OPTIONAL:

Full papers, up to five-pages in length, may also be submitted, but are not required. Those submitted

with accepted abstracts will be made available via PDF at the symposium Web site. Please forward these directly to kngrant@maine.edu

3. Presenter Information:

Please be sure to include the following information (which does not count as part of your 250 word limit):

- Presentation, Panel, or Workshop Title
- Name of Presenter(s)
- For panel sessions, name of Moderator
- Affiliation
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Type of Presentation (oral presentation, panel session, workshop)
- Biography of Presenter(s), 150-words or less.
- Indicate if an abstract for a paper has been previously published or is concurrently under review elsewhere.

REVIEW:

Submissions will be subject to peer review and submission status notices will be sent on Friday, March 12, 2010.

CREATIVE COMMONS:

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PRESENTER REGISTRATION

All who attend and present at the 2010 Working Waterfronts and Waterways Symposium are required to pay registration fees and all associated travel expenses. In this era of difficult financial times, the Symposium steering committee has worked hard to keep the registration fee at the same level as the 2007 inaugural symposium in Norfolk, Virginia: \$325.00.

Reference for submission questions

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